# Locally Led Development Research and Knowledge Management Intern



Project Title	Locally Led Development Research and Knowledge Management Intern
Cummon	Seeking an energetic and driven intern to help USAID's Office of Local Sustainability to conduct research, produce knowledge products, and inform knowledge management on topics relevant to the nexus of local and international development.
Country	United States

## **Project Description**

USAID's Office of Local Sustainability promotes the localization of international development -- from activity ideas, designs, implementation, evaluation, and scaling activities -- within the nation's largest federal foreign assistance agency.

We are seeking a Locally Led Development Research and Knowledge Management Intern to support research in emerging topics of interest to the office and develop resources for dissemination. Assignment of projects will be made in collaboration with the supervisor and may include, but are not limited to:

- -Research and presentation of research results from external sources (including virtual meetings, research papers, etc) on topics such as:
- -How other donors are approaching the localization of international development, including on specific topics such as youth entrepreneurship.
- -Non-donor perspectives, including civil society, on international development, including on specific topics.
- -Collecting and synthesizing data from multiple internal sources (including virtual interviews, evaluation studies, etc.) on topics such as:
- -Comparative structures of grant agreements with a focus on lessons learned and challenges of different arrangements
- -Successes of USAID experiences in the localization of foreign assistance
- -Identifying and testing new avenues for sharing and disseminating ongoing and completed research findings

#### **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)	
Analytical writing	
Editing and proofreading	g

#### **Additional Information**

Interns in bachelor's (preferably in junior or senior phases) and graduate programs are welcome, including those in a field of study related to topics of interest to USAID or with an interest in such topics.

Ideal candidates will have the following skills:

- -Oral communication
- -Regional or topic expertise/interest
- -Interpersonal skills
- -Critical thinking
- -Time management
- -Experience conducting analytical research from a variety of expert sources and clearly communicating findings. Familiarity with international development and topics strongly preferred.
- -Experience communicating research to practitioners in clear writing.
- -Ability and interest in researching topics as mutually determined with supervisor, ranging from broad topical themes (such as youth in development) to narrow process inquiries (such as comparative structures of grant agreements).
- -Strong organizational and interpersonal skills for networking and partnership development.
- -Ability to work both independently and collaboratively on assigned tasks in a virtual environment.
- -Ability to meet deadlines and produce quality work.
- -Familiarity with word processing, spreadsheet, and/or database software.
- -Comfort using Google Docs and other online collaboration tools.

Ideal candidates have the following interests:

- -International development, including community led and grassroots development
- -Gaining an appreciation of how USAID, as the nation's largest foreign assistance agency, functions and comparative perspectives on other foreign donors

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### **Language Requirements**

None